ORDINANCE NO. 2001 - 045

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE 1989 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 89-17, AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE **HOUSING ELEMENT** (TO REVISE AND UPDATE CONSISTENT WITH THE MANAGED GROWTH TIER SYSTEM); THE **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ELEMENT** (TO REORGANIZE AND REVISE THE ELEMENT); AND **LIBRARY SERVICES ELEMENT** (TO REVISE, UPDATE AND REFORMAT THE ELEMENT); AND AMENDING ALL ELEMENTS AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 1989 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1989, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners adopted the 1989 Comprehensive Plan by Ordinance No. 89-17; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners amends the 1989 Comprehensive Plan as provided by Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners have initiated amendments to several elements of the Comprehensive Plan in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Local Planning Agency conducted its public hearings on February 2, 9, 23 and March 9, 2001 to review the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan and made recommendations regarding the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, as the governing body of Palm Beach County, conducted a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, on March 26 and April 10, 2001 to review the recommendations of the Local Planning Agency, whereupon the Board of County Commissioners authorized transmittal of proposed amendments to the Department of Community Affairs for review and comment pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County received on July 1, 2001 the Department of Community Affairs "Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report," dated June 29, 2001 which was the Department's written review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, the written comments submitted by the Department of Community Affairs contained no objections to the amendments contained in this ordinance;

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2001 the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing to review the written comments submitted by the Department of Community Affairs and to consider adoption of the amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the amendments comply with all requirements of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulations Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Part I. Amendments to the 1989 Comprehensive Plan

Amendments to the following Element of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan are hereby adopted and attached to this Ordinance in Exhibit 1:

A. **Housing Element**, to revise and update consistent with the Managed Growth Tier System;

B. **Health and Human Services Element**, to reorganize and revise the element; and

C. **Library Services Element**, to revise, update and reformat the element;

D. And amending all elements as necessary for internal consistency.

Part II. Repeal of Laws in Conflict

All local laws and ordinances applying to the unincorporated area of Palm Beach County in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Part III. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Part IV. Inclusion in the 1989 Comprehensive Plan

The provision of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the 1989 Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan. The Sections of the

Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or any other appropriate word.

Part V. Effective Date

The effective date of this plan amendment shall be the date a final order is issued by the Department of Community Affairs or Administration Commission finding the amendment in compliance in accordance with Section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, whichever occurs earlier. No development orders, development permits, or land uses dependent on this amendment may be issued or commence before it has become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued by the Administration Commission, this amendment may nevertheless be made effective by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status, a copy of which resolutions shall be sent to the Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Local Planning, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, on the 27 day of August, 2001.

ATTEST:
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By _____ Deputy Clerk

By _____ Warren H. Newell, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

Filed with the Department of State on the 6th day

of September, 2001

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A. **Housing Element**, MGTS Housing Policies

REVISIONS: To revise and update. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck-out~~.

Objective 1.1: Provision of Affordable Housing

1. **Revised Policy 1.1-l:** The Department of Housing and Community Development with the assistance of the Commission on Affordable Housing shall continue to coordinate with the municipalities in the provision of affordable housing within their city limits, to assist the County with the provision of affordable housing pursuant to the requirements of Section 9J-5.010(3)(c)10., F.A.C.. Among the strategies to be explored are:

   1) Tax abatements;
   2) Provision of infrastructure for affordable projects by practices such as tax increment financing;
   3) Conveyance of public property;
   4) Payment into the County's Housing Trust Fund; and
   5) Incentives and interlocal agreements with municipalities that will assist the County with the provision of affordable housing, including matching fund programs, in order to assist in efforts to provide affordable housing units within the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay and CDBG Target Areas.

2. **New Policy 1.1-u:** The Commission on Affordable Housing and Housing and Community Development Department shall provide assistance, including financial and/or technical assistance, to home buyers within the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay and CDBG Target Areas to purchase adjacent or attached housing units to a maximum of 4 units with the provision that one unit be occupied by the purchaser, and the additional units be rented to very low and/or low income households.

3. **New Policy 1.1-v:** The Commission on Affordable Housing and Housing and Community Development Department shall direct at least 25 % of applicable housing program funds and community development program funds to areas within the Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay and CDBG Target Areas.

Objective 1.5: Concentrations of Affordable Housing

4. **New Policy 1.5-d:** The Commission on Affordable Housing, Housing and Community Development Department, and Planning Division shall pursue changes to Federal and State affordable housing funding program regulations which may presently require a proposed housing development to be 100% affordable in order to be eligible for receipt of the program funds.

5. **New Policy 1.5-e:** The Department of Housing and Community Development with the assistance of the Commission on Affordable Housing shall provide incentives to increase the presence of moderate, or higher income households within areas of high concentrations of affordable housing. These incentives may include subsidy programs to reduce the purchase cost of units, and/or regulatory relief to facilitate the rehabilitation of housing units.

6. **New Policy 1.5-f:** The Planning, Zoning and Building Department shall revise the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) to eliminate processing fees for residential Zoning petitions which are for the purpose of providing affordable housing units in areas of low concentrations of very low and low income households.

B. **Housing Element**, Relocation of Existing Policy Language

Objective 1.1: Provision of Affordable Housing

1. **Revised Policy 1.5-b:** The County shall continue to provide for affordable housing utilizing the Voluntary Density Bonus Program (VDBP) which allows for an increase in permitted density in exchange for the construction of affordable housing on site or off-site; or a payment in-lieu-of construction of very low income housing units into the Housing Trust Fund; or a combination of construction and an in-lieu payment. In order to discourage concentrations of affordable housing, the ULDC requirements shall include an analysis of very low and low income household concentrations to assess the potential impact of the VDB. A VDB development shall at a minimum provide 40 % of the bonus units as affordable housing units, provide guarantees which maintain affordability which includes appropriate legal assurances that the project shall be occupied only by very-low and low-income families for at least 10 years for a for-sale development or at least 15 years for a rental development, distribute all affordable units throughout the development, provide varied bedroom and floor area options similar to those of the affordable units within the development and also distribute very low and low income households equitably so that there is no undue concentration, within the County, due to the VDB. The Planning Division shall continue to be responsible for implementation of this program. The Land Use Advisory Board shall be responsible for recommending the maximum density to be allowed under this program. All VDBP petitions shall be approved, approved with conditions, or denied by the Board of County Commissioners.

2. **Revised Policy 1.1-f:** The County shall continue to expand the housing stock through the utilization of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and other efforts to identify and secure additional funding sources; including:

   The Affordable Housing Trust Fund will continue to provide subordinate below-market interest rate financing and/or grants for land acquisition, construction and other related costs for the development of affordable housing units countywide. The Fund will continue to assist not-for profit facilitators with pre-development expenses associated with very low and low income housing development. Some disbursements from the Housing Trust Fund will be grants, but the majority of funds should be revolving loans, with borrowers paying back into the trust; thereby ensuring a permanent source of financing. The County shall require that interest and loan principal repayments from Housing Trust Fund grants and loans be returned to the Housing Trust Fund.

   The Housing Trust Fund, through the continuation of the Hardship Fee Program, and the Rental Impact Fee Assistance/Competitive Program, shall allow for the payment of Impact Fees for newly constructed housing units for very low and low income families. The Housing Trust Fund shall make payments directly to the appropriate Impact Fee Trust Funds when financing such Impact Fee payments.

   ~~The County shall continue to provide affordable housing utilizing the Voluntary Density Bonus Program (VDBP) in accordance with Section 6.9 of the Unified Land Development Code, which allows for an increase in permitted density in exchange for the construction of affordable housing on site or off-site; or a payment in-lieu-of construction of very low income housing units into the Housing Trust Fund; or a combination of construction and an in-lieu payment. Residential development participating in the program may pay a fee in-lieu-of construction into the Housing Trust Fund, on a per unit basis, equal to 1.2 times the housing unit's production cost. The program also includes an analysis of very low and low income household concentrations to assess the impact of the VDB. The Planning Division shall continue to be responsible for implementation of this program.~~

   ~~Development that is eligible for the voluntary density bonus must:~~

   - ~~be located within the Urban Service Area;~~
   - ~~demonstrate its ability to meet all concurrency requirements at the level of impact calculated at the "bonus" density or intensity; and~~
   - ~~demonstrate proximity to public transportation and employment opportunities.~~

   ~~The Land Use Advisory Board shall be responsible for recommending the maximum~~

~~density allowed under this program. All VDBP petitions shall be approved, approved with conditions, or denied by the Board of County Commissioners.~~

Objective 1.5: Concentrations of Affordable Housing

3. **New Policy 1.5-c:** The County shall continue to provide affordable housing utilizing the Voluntary Density Bonus Program (VDBP) in accordance with Section 6.9 of the Unified Land Development Code, which allows for an increase in permitted density in exchange for the construction of affordable housing on site or off-site; or a payment in-lieu-of construction of very low income housing units into the Housing Trust Fund; or a combination of construction and an in-lieu payment. Residential development participating in the program may pay a fee in-lieu-of construction into the Housing Trust Fund, on a per unit basis, equal to 1.2 times the housing unit's production cost. The program also includes an analysis of very low and low income household concentrations to assess the impact of the VDB. The Planning Division shall continue to be responsible for implementation of this program.

   Development that is eligible for the voluntary density bonus must:

   - be located within the Urban Suburban Tier;
   - demonstrate its ability to meet all concurrency requirements at the level of impact calculated at the "bonus" density or intensity; and
   - demonstrate proximity to public transportation and employment opportunities.

   The Land Use Advisory Board shall be responsible for recommending the maximum density allowed under this program. All VDBP petitions shall be approved, approved with conditions, or denied by the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Health and Human Services Element, Health and Human Services Element Revisions

REVISIONS: To modify Goals, Objectives and Policies, the Introduction and Implementation Sections, correct errors, and clarify intent. The revisions are shown below with added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck out~~.

~~The Overall Goal of the Health and Human Services Element is to "ensure that the availability of health and human services is sufficient to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents".~~

~~The HHS Element expresses an overall vision and is a tool to define the County's role in relationship to other community systems. The focus of the Element is to make the best use of what we have concerning our community's strengths and resources through coordination and collaboration with other agencies and funders.~~

~~The contents of this Element of the Comprehensive Plan address the provision of sufficient and appropriate health and human services for residents of Palm Beach County. This optional plan element has been prepared pursuant to the standards of Chapter 163,F.S., and Rule 9J-5, F.A.C.~~

~~Additionally, the Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services recommended modifications to the Element consistent with Board of County Commissioners Resolution R-90-1978, as amended by R-93-317, in conjunction with the designated local planning agency.~~

~~Legal consistency of this Element, and the powers and duties by which it was developed and will be implemented by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Resolution R-90-1978, as amended by R-93-317, are referenced as follows:~~

- ~~Chapter 125.01(e), (g) of the Florida Statutes (1990) which provides respectively for county government to provide hospitals, ambulance service and health and welfare programs and prepare and enforce comprehensive plans for the development of the county.~~

- ~~Section 3.3 of the Home Rule Charter for Palm Beach County, Florida that further provides for the county to protect the health, safety and general welfare of all its residents.~~

- ~~Chapter 163, Florida Statues and Rule 9J-5 Florida Administrative Code and pursuant amendments, rules, regulations and local plans and guidelines as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida consistent with the preceding citations of law.~~

- ~~Chapter 187, Florida Statutes titled, "State Comprehensive Plan", which in part, provides policy direction concerning: (1) individual and public responsibilities for health protection (2) providing for health, safety, and welfare of children (3) stronger families that are economically independent (4) improved quality of life for our elderly citizens and (5) improved opportunities for the economically disadvantaged.~~

- ~~1989 Health and Human Services Element, and related Elements, of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan which provided a platform on which to build this new Element as identified in the 1996 Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the Element.~~

~~A. Purpose~~

~~The goals, objectives and policies of the Health & Human Services Element have been written to represent a societal county-wide shared vision of the future. This vision addresses the maximization of our individual and community's potential concerning health and human service values' with a high quality of life. Recognition is given to the significance and interrelationship of health and human services with education, the environment, ecology and economics. It further recognizes health as the essence of a productive life and that a productive life is associated with a continuum of health and human services (with an emphasis on prevention) at all socioeconomic levels.~~

~~Policies and objectives have been established to ensure community service providers maximize available resources and avoid duplication of services by coordinating needed services on behalf of individuals, families and the public at large in Palm Beach County.~~

~~Evaluation of the 1989 Health and Human Services Element and development of recommendations to this element involved over twenty-five (25) individuals representing in excess of nineteen (19) public and private sector organizations and individual citizens who volunteered in a staff support role. A significant number of the participating organizations have their own legal mandate to conduct health and human services planning (e.g., Palm Beach County Health Department, Palm Beach County Health Care District, municipalities, Treasure Coast Health Council, Inc. and Children's Services Council). This only reinforces the need for all health and human services organizations, on behalf of and participation with the citizens of Palm Beach County to continue to define our organizational roles and legal responsibilities through a mutually shared vision statement. This information is scheduled to be printed within the "Palm Beach County, Citizens' Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services Guiding Principles" publication.~~

~~B. Assessment and Conclusions~~

~~1. Resources~~

~~The HHS Element is to be used to guide resource allocation to include, but not limited to the following: county funding, manpower, facilities, time, equipment, and county land use program requirements.~~

~~2. Interdependency of Elements~~

~~The HHS Element recognizes and gives full consideration and direction concerning the interdependency of the goals, objectives and policies of the Health and Human Services Element with all other Comprehensive Plan Elements.~~

~~**3. System Design**~~

~~The HHS Element recognizes that system design is the central subject of the three levels of planning (policy – what should be, strategic – what can be, and operational – what will be) that focus on realizing and achieving a higher quality of life by creating and building a community health and human services system based on our communities strengths and capacities as opposed to a limited focus of looking at the presence or absence of individual health and human services.~~

~~**4. Public Participation Re: Problem Resolution**~~

~~The HHS Element recognizes the need to develop strategies for working with and involving individuals, families and groups at the neighborhood level for the joint development of a core neighborhood capacity which supports economic opportunities, independence and greater productivity for neighborhoods with at risk populations. This strategy would focus on enhancing existing neighborhood organizations and facilities, e.g., schools, churches, municipal facilities/services.~~

~~**5. Community Planning and Information Services**~~

~~To accomplish many of the Objectives and Policies within the Element, it is important to understand that community wide planning and coordination of health and human services is the cumulative responsibility of many entities. Each of these entities are regulated by their own administrative, legislative and procedural powers which were designed to achieve a specific mission. Furthermore, each major organization has a database related to their mission, their responsibilities, and their provision of specific informational services.~~

~~An extremely important link between each of the agencies and the Health & Human Services Element pertains to health and human services databases and informational services. Although one centralized database for health and human services does not exist, substantial progress should continue to be made toward the integration of existing systems and centralized data bases. Serious consideration should be given in future amendments that the Element address: 1) the specific responsibilities of major planning agencies, 2) their enabling legislation, 3) identification of future data needs, and 4) distribution/utilization of data collection and information services. The establishment of an Objective with such information would provide a clearer understanding of the inter-relationships of policies and objectives and the success or failure of health & human service programs in Palm Beach County. Until this Objective is established, specific questions concerning a policy should be directed to the responsible agency stated in each Policy.~~

~~The following agencies have major health & human planning services responsibilities that are recognized by State of Florida laws: Palm Beach County Health Care District, Children's Services Council, Treasure Coast Health Council, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, State of Florida Department of Children and Family Services (District IX), Palm Beach County Health Department, Area Agency on Aging, State of Florida Department of Community Affairs & Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.~~

~~In addition, pursuant to the provisions of the 1989 Comprehensive Plan (HHS Element), the Board of County Commissioners assisted in the creation of the Health and Human Services Planning Association, in recognition of the need to improve communication and interaction among the above noted planning entities. The role of the Health and Human Services Planning Association is to facilitate and coordinate the planning and development of an effective and collaborative health and human services delivery system to meet the diverse needs of the people of Palm Beach County.~~

~~**6. Evaluation**~~

~~The HHS Element recognizes and puts in place a planning process (assessment, policy development, assurances) that continually questions the appropriateness, effectiveness, efficiency and underlying assumptions of existing health and human services. It provides for the development and utilization of a uniform set of measurement tools by which we can evaluate the impact of stated policies on community problems and the progress in achieving a stated vision. The measurements can be found in the "Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services Guiding Principles Report."~~

~~The balance of this Element is organized by the three (3) areas of evaluation that must take place in order to clearly identify and delineate the full range of community health and quality of~~

~~life problems, i.e. (1) evaluation of implementation methods and necessary service delivery and support requirements, (2) evaluation of HHS services and systems, and (3) evaluation of vulnerable populations at risk.~~

~~7. History~~

~~The roots of the HHS Element can be traced back to the summer of 1983 when Palm Beach County experienced a major indigent health care crisis, i.e., hospitals and health department clinics were making plans to close their doors to indigent patients as programmatic dollars were projected to run out prior to the end of the fiscal year.~~

~~This community crisis triggered the following series of events which resulted in the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners developing this Element of the Comprehensive Plan:~~

- ~~Formation of Palm Beach County's Task Force on delivery of health care services (November, 1983);~~
- ~~Task Force recommendation to fund the District IX Regional Health Council now Treasure Coast Health Council (January 12, 1984) to specifically increase health planning activities at the county level;~~
- ~~Approved a five (5) year health planning pilot project with the District IX Health Council, Inc. (now Treasure Coast Health Council) by the Board of County Commissioners on March 26, 1985;~~
- ~~The Palm Beach County Planning Division convenes as a technical committee to work with a consulting firm on April 25, 1988, which was selected through an RFP process to assist in the completion of the Health and Human Services Element;~~
- ~~Directions '88 on May 7, 1988 recognized and supported the County commitment to include an optional Health and Human Services Element in its Comprehensive Plan.~~
- ~~Based on the information and reports reviewed and recommended by the technical support committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services, PBC Planning Division publishes (April, 1989) the first draft of the Comprehensive Plan which includes the Health and Human Services Element. The Element was adopted by both the Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Department of Community Affairs (September, 1990).~~

~~The above activities resulted in this Element being a very innovative component in Palm Beach County's Comprehensive Plan and within the State. This Element remains the only Comprehensive Plan Element of its kind in the State of Florida and, to the best of our knowledge, it remains the only one of its kind in the nation.~~

~~8. Future~~

~~Palm Beach County is faced, and will continue to be faced, with enormous planning, funding and operation responsibilities for ensuring that both current and future health and human service needs are met and/or managed, based on unexpected growth (e.g. large immigrations from Cuba & Haiti, elderly population 75+, migrant workers). Meeting these responsibilities will require designing and utilizing the most effective and efficient methodologies and services possible.~~

~~The 1996 Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the Health and Human Services Element is entirely reflective of dynamics of rapid positive and negative change concerning the health and human needs of the people of Palm Beach County as well as our strengths, limitations, successes and failures in addressing those needs.~~

~~Our successes as a County as a whole (county and municipal government, regional and state government, private and not-for-profit organization and a high degree of citizen participation) include but are not limited to the following: 1) a new and operational Palm Beach County Health Care District, 2) trauma system, 3) Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4) improved planning infrastructure through the creation of the Health and Human Services Planning Association (HHSPA) and the Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on HHS, 5) further consolidation and improved access to information and referral services (Center For~~

~~Conversely, the major issues and problems were as follows:~~

- ~~lack of a database that was maintained and updated,~~
- ~~lack of adequate monies,~~
- ~~lack of explicit organizational accountability for implementing, monitoring and measuring the goals, objectives and policies and;~~
- ~~the lack of a clear delineation of Board of County Commissioners in their planning, funding and provider role.~~

~~Programs and issues that remain unchanged or were identified for further study and inclusion in future updates include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

1. ~~Programs and agencies providing health and human services through the criminal and juvenile justice processes;~~
2. ~~Health & Human Services "Community Profile Report";~~
3. ~~The issue of County involvement in locating major health care facilities, such as hospitals and public health centers. Although the majority of hospitals are located in municipalities, the County must develop standards and criteria in cooperation with the Treasure Coast Health Council, which has major responsibility for siting and approving new facilities, and for considering land use and zoning requests as well as development approvals;~~
4. ~~Appropriate comprehensive plan growth concurrency requirements concerning health and human services; and~~
5. ~~Publication of the "Palm Beach County, Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services Guiding Principles Report".~~

~~The planning period for this Element was limited to 10 years instead of the 20-year period used in the other elements because of the uncertainty in health and human service delivery system and the impact of outside forces such as federal policy decisions. Further, for example, the incidence of AIDS, tuberculosis, substance abuse, outbreaks of food borne illnesses, rabies epidemics and several incidents of mercury contamination make the validity of projections past 10 years questionable.~~

~~9. Problem Identification~~

~~The methodologies utilized to identify issues within health and human services are two fold. One methodology pertains to system needs or demands. The second methodology pertains to the identification of population based health status and quality of life problems. Some of the specifics of these methodologies are as follows:~~

a. ~~Updating/analyzing data and making new projections of need based on the 1996 HHS Evaluation and Appraisal Report.~~

b. ~~Utilization of new and/or supplemental (alternative or proxy) data and information obtained through the members and interested/affected parties of the PBC Plan Development Steering Committee and/or its creating organization, the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services. Through these committees, over 50 organizations and individuals provided input and recommendations concerning the development of the element.~~

c. ~~Review and input by the local planning agency.~~

d. ~~Review and input by the Land Use Advisory Board and Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.~~

~~Inclusive of Evaluation and Appraisal Report over forty two (42) public meetings were held to provide for public input, recommendations and oversight.~~

A. Purpose

The Health and Human Services Element is an optional Element under Rule 9J-5, F.A.C. Palm Beach County decided in 1989 to create this optional Element in recognition of the importance of managing the County's responsibilities of providing health and human services. This Element complies with the requirements of Rule 9J-5 F.A.C. for optional Elements.

B. Assessment and Conclusions

The Health and Human Services Element was adopted in 1989 and substantially revised in 1997 as a result of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and Comprehensive Plan mandates.

The amendments to the Element in 1997 focused on the following four (4) issues/problems:

a. Lack of a database that was maintained and updated,
b. Lack of explicit organizational accountability for implementing, monitoring and measuring goals, objectives and policies,
c. lack of a clear delineation of the role of the Board of County Commissioners in their planning, funding and provider role; and,
d. lack of adequate monies.

To resolve the issues listed above and to make the Element a more dynamic document which would better meet the needs of Palm Beach County residents, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services subsequently recommended to revise the Goals, Objectives and Policies to ensure achievability, measurability and effective implementation monitoring.

The revised Element expressly identifies the County's role in funding, providing, and/or supporting the delivery of health and human services; it also defines the County's relationship with other funders and providers of services for the purpose of maximizing the resources and benefits available to Palm Beach County residents.

B. REVISED GOAL 1:

~~**GOAL 1: PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote, protect, maintain and improve the health and safety of its residents and visitors through a community-wide system of public health services with a primary focus on prevention. This system shall include communicable disease surveillance and control services, environmental health services, and primary care services to targeted populations with the necessary organizational support services to facilitate the provision of quality public health services.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 1.1 Communicable Disease Services**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote, protect, maintain and improve communicable disease control services to protect the health of the general public through the detection, control and eradication of diseases which are transmitted primarily by human beings but may also be transmitted by other vectors. These services may include, but are not limited to sexually transmissible disease detection and control, including the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, immunization, tuberculosis control and the maintenance of vital statistics.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-a:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continually monitor the incidence of childhood preventable disease and assure a comprehensive program to reduce its incidence.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-b:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall promote early childhood and adult immunizations in public and private sector services.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-c:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall sponsor health education and outreach programs with the Immunization Coalition, private physicians, school officials, parents and other groups to promote early immunizations.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-d:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District will pilot automated immunization tracking systems to ensure compliance with immunization requirements.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-e:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continually monitor the rate of infectious diseases not preventable by vaccine and assure the availability of preventive, early detection and treatment services.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-f:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall sponsor educational seminars for the hospitals, physicians, infection control practitioners and other health~~

~~care professionals on updates and changes in disease reporting, the importance of timely reporting and the ability to respond to emerging health threats.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-g:** The County, HIV CARE Council, the HIV Planning Partnership, the Children's Services Council, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department will collaborate to maintain and enhance access to comprehensive medical, social and other support services including preventive, primary, secondary, tertiary and long-term care for patients infected with HIV, their families and identified high risk populations.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-h:** The Palm Beach County Health Department in partnership with community based agencies shall continue efforts to utilize health education and risk reduction strategies that maximize the prevention of HIV through routine counseling at family planning, maternity, primary care and other public facilities.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-i:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall maintain and encourage effective screening and counseling techniques to prevent disease spread and facilitate investigations of such diseases as HIV, Hepatitis B, Tuberculosis and Syphilis. The Health Unit shall provide technical assistance to the private medical community and promote adequate testing, prompt treatment and appropriate counseling regarding these diseases.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-j:** The Palm Beach County Health Care District shall maintain the Haney Wing at the Palm Beach County Home and General Care Facility. In conjunction with the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council, alternative community based facilities shall be explored, including substance abuse treatment beds.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-k:** The County, the HIV CARE Council, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall continue to maintain a coordinated case management system for patients infected with HIV and their families that includes health and human services.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-l:** The County and the HIV CARE Council shall support, uphold and enforce non-discrimination statutes regarding patients infected with HIV and their families in health, human services, housing, employment and education.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-m:** The County, the HIV CARE Council, the HIV Planning Partnership and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall identify and coordinate efforts to compete for and support appropriate research in the prevention and treatment of patients infected with HIV.~~

~~**Policy 1.1-n:** The County, the Palm Beach County Health Department, the HIV CARE Council and the HIV Planning Partnership shall identify and aggressively compete for state and federal financial support for the prevention and treatment of AIDS.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 1.2 Environmental Health Services**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote, protect, maintain and improve environmental health services to protect the health of the general public by monitoring and regulating activities in the environment which may contribute to the occurrence or transmission of disease. These services include, but are not limited to programs such as food hygiene, safe drinking water, sewage and solid waste disposal, toxic material control, public swimming pools, clean air, migrant labor camps, child care and occupational health.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-a:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continuously monitor ambient air, child care facilities, drinking water, public swimming pools and other water recreational activities, air pollution emissions, wastewater discharges, environmental hazards including accidental releases of microbial, chemical or radiological substances and diseases/conditions associated with environmental exposures.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-b:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall periodically inspect all generators of hazardous waste.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-c:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall actively promote pollution prevention activities.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-d:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall assist the County and its municipalities to establish land use patterns and accompanying laws that recognize~~

~~certain environmental hazards and endeavor to eliminate or minimize conflicts and exposures to hazards in the general population.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-e:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continuously review the effectiveness of local, state and federal laws and make recommendations aimed at strengthening environmental and public health protection.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-f:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall maintain an effective early warning surveillance system to identify the presence of vector-borne diseases.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-g:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall routinely report indices of environmental quality and warn the public on an as-needed basis about known hazards.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-h:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continuously strengthen its partnership with other governmental agencies as well as universities and the private sector in order to avoid duplication of effort and to maximize resource utilization.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-i:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall actively promote the training and formal education of its workforce to ensure the availability of a qualified public health team. Specialized public health training shall also be made accessible to private and public partners to ensure informed participants in coalitions and task forces.~~

~~**Policy 1.2-j:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall maintain a diversified workforce able to respond to public health threats created by natural and man-made disasters.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 1.3 Primary Care Services**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote, protect, maintain and improve the availability of primary care services to assure prevention, early detection and treatment services made available to well and sick persons through the private and public health care delivery system. Such services include, but are not limited to clinical preventive services, acute care services, chronic disease detection and treatment, health education and promotion, nutrition, family planning, school health, maternal and child health services and dental services.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-a:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall promote prevention, early detection and intervention, and treatment services to reduce premature death due to noninfectious disease.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-b:** The Healthy Start Coalition and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall ensure all pregnant women and infants in Palm Beach County access to quality health care services. Expansion of such services for children up to age five will be implemented as resources become available.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-c:** The Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, the Healthy Start Coalition, the Children's Services Council and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall assist in the reduction of teenage pregnancy through targeted programs.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-d:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall promote health education through the media, adult education and other programs both within the Palm Beach County Health Department and in the community to discourage practices leading to lifestyle illnesses such as high cholesterol levels and heart disease, smoking-related diseases, substance abuse, chronic obesity, malnutrition and stress related disorders.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-e:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall continually ensure that all health care related policies emphasize wellness, the prevention of illness and injury.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-f:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall maintain and enhance a strong community-based injury prevention program coordinated with the Injury Prevention Coalition.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-g:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall expand the Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program to identify and treat conditions in children and young people before the conditions become serious. Screening activities that cover the same areas will be provided to children through the Palm Beach County Health Care District Managed Care Program to meet the same~~

~~objective, early diagnosis and treatment.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-h:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall maintain a comprehensive program for chronic diseases for low income clients.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-i:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District, through clinic and outreach programs, will screen for, detect and treat chronic diseases as early as possible in high risk populations.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-j:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall actively collaborate with the Palm Beach County Medical Society, community-based agencies and advocacy groups in providing wellness programs to the residents of Palm Beach County and its culturally diverse populations.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-k:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall promote fluoridation of public water supplies in the Palm Beach County Water Utility Department Service Area and encourage other service providers to do the same.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-l:** The Palm Beach County Health Department in collaboration with the Palm Beach County School Board shall maintain participation of the sodium fluoride mouth rinse program in 100% of appropriate public schools, grades K-5.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-m:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall expand programs for preventive and basic dental care for children and adults. In areas where water is fluoridated, sealant programs will be implemented.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-n:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall expand its nutrition education to reach high risk populations as permitted by available resources and funding such as those at congregate meal sites, individuals at risk for chronic diseases and those in the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) supplemental food program.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-o:** The Palm Beach County Health Department, the Palm Beach County School Board and the Palm Beach County Health Care District shall plan and implement school health services and health education programs in collaboration with the municipalities, the private medical community, academic centers, parents, teachers and advocacy groups.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-p:** The Palm Beach County Health Department, the Palm Beach County Health Care District, the Children's Services Council and the Palm Beach County School Board shall promote expansion of full-service schools on the basis of the Department of Education model which provides health, mental health and social services.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-q:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall continually encourage prevention programs in the schools that promote knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, nutrition and dental health.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-r:** The Palm Beach County Health Department, in collaboration with the County and the State, shall continue to develop and implement public health policy for the residents and visitors of Palm Beach County.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-s:** The Palm Beach County Health Department, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the private medical community will continually address financial, systems and informational barriers to the access of health care services in Palm Beach County. Efforts will be targeted to special populations and settings.~~

~~**Policy 1.3-t:** The Palm Beach County Health Department shall promote the enhancement of family planning services and work with community-based agencies and advocacy groups to implement strategies to improve access and track the effectiveness of each strategy.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 1.4 Support Services**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote, protect, maintain and improve support services (services and/or activities) that influence the means and the conditions that impact on how public health services are delivered, i.e., ancillary services (e.g., pharmacy, administrative) and systems development (planning, resource allocation regulation/quality assurance, financing, epidemiological research, and evaluation).~~

~~**Policy 1.4-a:** The Palm Beach County Health Department and the County through the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services shall jointly design and implement a strong Epidemiology[1] program capable of conducting comprehensive population based research[2] to determine and report on health status and identified vulnerable target populations[3] to be utilized, in part, for the development and/or amendment of the goals, objectives and policies of the Health and Human Services Element of the PBC Comprehensive Plan.~~

~~**Policy 1.4-b:** The Palm Beach County Health Department will, in addition to other identified measurements, utilize data generated from the implementation of a comprehensive Epidemiology program to evaluate its communicable disease, environmental health and primary care services and related goals, objectives and policies.~~

GOAL 1: LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Palm Beach County shall promote, protect, maintain and improve the health and safety of its residents and visitors. This will be accomplished by being a key participant in a local public health system.

The responsibilities of the participants in a local public health system include: monitoring population health status; investigating and diagnosing community health problems and hazards; implementing prevention strategies; linking people with needed personal health services; assuring a competent health care and safety workforce; promoting mechanisms to evaluate effectiveness and quality of health services; mobilizing partnerships to identify and solve health and safety problems; policy development; and, enforcement of laws and regulations that protect health and safety.

OBJECTIVE 1.1 Public Safety

Palm Beach County will be a lead organization for the preservation of public safety and the enforcement of laws and regulations that protect health and safety. As a lead organization, Palm Beach County will establish cooperative and contractual linkages with federal, state and local organizations to fulfill its role and assure the integrity of the local public health system.

Policy 1.1-a: Palm Beach County will maintain a safe work environment for its employees and visitors to County facilities.

Policy 1.1-b: Palm Beach County will protect residents and visitors from environmental hazards in public, private and recreational areas.

Policy 1.1-c: Palm Beach County will collaborate with agencies who survey health status, plan and provide services, and monitor systems of care, in order to improve service delivery and health outcomes for recipients of County services.

Policy 1.1-d: Palm Beach County will support programs, provide services and collaborate with other organizations with respect to the prevention and intervention of identified population-based health and safety issues.

Policy 1.1-e: Palm Beach County will enforce regulations and laws that protect the health and safety of its residents and visitors.

Policy 1.1-f: Palm Beach County will support and fund initiatives that train and retain health workers and safety officers.

Policy 1.1-g: Palm Beach County will protect the safety of its residents and visitors by developing disaster and emergency management plans and maintaining and implementing programs and services supportive of those plans.

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1 ~~The investigation of health status problems and causal relationships.~~

2 ~~Distribution of deaths and diseases by demographic and social characteristics, assessment of impact of services programs on health status of the population and conducting evaluations to determine whether or not the achievement of a desired objective can be attributed to a specific program.~~

3 ~~Vulnerable target populations are defined as, but not limited to those for whom the risk of poor physical, psychological, or social health has or is quite likely to become a reality, e.g., high-risk mothers and infants chronically ill & disabled persons with AIDS, mentally ill & disabled, alcohol & substance abusers, suicide/homicide-prone, abusive families, homeless and immigrants and refugees.~~

Policy 1.1-h: Palm Beach County will evaluate and advocate program and services that enable those affected by reform initiatives to maintain or improve their health status and reduce safety risks.

C. REVISED GOAL 2:

GOAL 2: HUMAN SERVICES

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to a continuum of health and social services that assures individuals and families a quality of life through elimination of dependency on public assistance. The continuum shall include both direct provision of emergency and self-sufficiency services as well as coordination with health and social services agencies to eliminate redundancy in funding and service provision.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 2.1 Emergency Services~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to emergency services for the provision of immediate health and social services to individuals and families to prevent at-risk status in terms of health, safety, and welfare. These services include, but are not limited to provision of emergency shelter, health screening for detection of communicable diseases, immunizations, emergency food and transportation, payment of delinquent rent and utility bills to prevent homelessness, and access to health care for treatment.~~

~~**Policy 2.1-a:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District to assure that all individuals and families provided Emergency Services will have health screenings, to include screening for communicable diseases and assurance of all immunizations indicated or required.~~

~~**Policy 2.1-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of emergency services with local members of the Hunger & Homeless Task Force in order to maximize available resources, eliminate duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.~~

~~**Policy 2.1-c:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of emergency services with the Emergency Food and Shelter Program of Palm Beach County (FEMA Funded) in order to maximize available resources, eliminate duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.~~

~~**Policy 2.1-d:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of emergency services with the Florida Department of Children and Family Services in order to maximize available resources, eliminate duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.~~

~~**Policy 2.1-e:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services and the Community Services Department's Financially Assisted Agency process shall coordinate efforts to provide emergency services to eligible individuals and families, particularly where those services are provided by agencies funded by the Financially Assisted Agencies.~~

~~**Policy 2.1-f:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide emergency services to individuals and families who are at or below the percent of federal income poverty level approved each year by the Board of County Commissioners consistent with the approved operating budget.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 2.2 Self-Sufficiency Services~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to self-sufficiency services for the provision of Case Management, coupled with an array of individually prescribed support services that enable individuals and families to move from a point of dependency to a point of being independent of public assistance. The services include, but are not limited to provision of comprehensive social, educational, and vocational assessments, prescriptive individual service plans, educational training, vocational training, on-the-job training, employability skills training, personal and vocational counseling, independent living skills training, work-related tools, equipment, and supplies, living expenses, such as assistance with rent, utilities, food, transportation, child care, affordable housing and case management.~~

~~point of being independent of public assistance. The services include, but are not limited to provision of comprehensive social, educational, and vocational assessments, prescriptive individual service plans, educational training, vocational training, on-the-job training, employability skills training, personal and vocational counseling, independent living skills training, work-related tools, equipment, and supplies, living expenses, such as assistance with rent, utilities, food, transportation, child care, affordable housing and case management.~~

> ~~**Policy 2.2-a:** Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in a collaborative manner with community partners to assure that all individuals and families who wish to gain economic self-sufficiency have access to comprehensive social, educational, and vocational assessments necessary to determine needed services.~~
>
> ~~**Policy 2.2-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of self-sufficiency services with community service providers in order to maximize available resources, avoid redundancy or duplication of services, and collaborate on needed services for individuals and families.~~
>
> ~~**Policy 2.2-c:** Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall coordinate provision of self-sufficiency services with the designated welfare reform entity(s), such as the Florida WAGES Board or Coalition, the Workforce Development Board, Department of Children and Families, Department of Labor and other established welfare reform bodies.~~
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> ~~**Policy 2.2-d:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide Case Management as an integral service to all individuals and families receiving self-sufficiency services.~~
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> ~~**Policy 2.2-e:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide self-sufficiency services to individuals and families who are eligible for services based on eligibility established by various grant funding sources and the Board of County Commissioners, consistent with the approved operating budget.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 2.3 Coordination Services**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to the coordination services to assure that individuals and families are provided the most efficient and effective services available in the service continuum. This means that individuals and families will have access to a single intake and eligibility, multiple points of entry, the continuum will have an integrated database for health and social services, and service providers and funders will have access to data about funding and service needs that will enable planning and targeting of existing human and fiscal resources as well as developing additional needed human and fiscal resources.~~

> ~~**Policy 2.3-a:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Health and Human Services Planning Association's Service Restructuring project to assure that individuals and families in need of health and human services have access to a single intake and eligibility process, through multiple points of entry into the service continuum, to maximize efficient and effective delivery of needed services.~~
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> ~~**Policy 2.3-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Health and Human Services Planning Association's Integrated database project to assure that individuals and families are provided health and human services in a service continuum that is efficient and effective.~~
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> ~~**Policy 2.3-c:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the findings of the Health and Human Services Planning Association's Funding and Service database project to assure targeting of existing human and fiscal resources as well as developing additional needed human and fiscal resources.~~
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> ~~**Policy 2.3-d:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Community Partners to establish expectations that health and human services are provided with specified outcome measures and an unduplicated counts of individuals and families served.~~

~~**Policy 2.3-e:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services and Department of Housing and Community Development will coordinate planning efforts among themselves and the community to better address emergency assistance needs and the impact of terminated assistance due to welfare reform.~~

~~**Policy 2.3-f:** The County will participate in a centralized intake system for subsidized child care, Head Start, and Pre-K Early Intervention Programs.~~

~~**Policy 2.3-g:** The County will participate with the Palm Beach County Central Registry for Early Childhood Services which does not duplicate the names of children waiting for any form of subsidized care.~~

~~**Policy 2.3-h:** The County will continue to provide support for information and referral services to parents who are seeking child care.~~

GOAL 2: HUMAN SERVICES

Palm Beach County will provide for, and contribute to, a continuum of human services that enhances the quality of life for all residents. Palm Beach County will also coordinate with other health and social service organizations in order to foster a seamless delivery system.

OBJECTIVE 2.1 Protection of Vulnerable Populations

Palm Beach County will promote, fund and provide services that protect vulnerable populations, with specific focus on reducing the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation, institutionalization, and at risk status.

Policy 2.1-a: The County will coordinate with other governmental and community organizations to identify the issues affecting abuse and neglect, institutionalization and at risk status of vulnerable populations.

Policy 2.1-b: The County will advocate for services and funding to address the self-sufficiency and economic stability of vulnerable populations. Such efforts may include the provision of local match dollars and allocation of resources.

Policy 2.1-c: The Department of Community Services will coordinate and complement services with other governmental and nonprofit organizations to minimize duplication of human and fiscal resources. This will be accomplished by maintaining policies regarding eligibility determination and services.

Policy 2.1-d: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will assist eligible individuals and families attain economic stability and self-sufficiency through case management services and provision of support services (emergency, economic stability and self-sufficiency services).

Policy 2.1-e: On an annual basis, the Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will establish and monitor performance standards with regard to client outcomes. These outcomes will be based on Individual Service Plans, and measured by staff caseload, service utilization and other indicators.

Policy 2.1-f: The Community Action Program will operate service centers which provide family self-sufficiency, emergency food and shelter, clothing and household items, utility assistance, and other support services to low income individuals and families.

Policy 2.1-g: The Division of Senior Services will report incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation to the Dept. of Children and Families, Adult Protective Services. If a referral is made by Adult Protective Services to the Division of Senior Services, the Division shall respond within 72 hours for individuals designated as high risk.

Policy 2.1-h: As one of two lead agencies for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, the Division of Senior Services will provide services that enable adults age 60 and older to remain in the least restrictive setting. These services may include home delivered and congregate meals, respite care, personal care, homemaker services, caregiver stipends, adult day care, and case management for residents of northern and western Palm Beach County. *(Services in southern Palm Beach County are provided by the Mae Volen Senior Center)*

Policy 2.1-i: The Division of Senior Services will coordinate with Jewish Family and Children Services and the Alzheimer's Community Care Association to avoid duplication of administrative processes and services by utilizing the CIRTS database for documentation.

Policy 2.1-j: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Youth Affairs, will provide prevention and intervention services to divert at risk youth from the juvenile justice system.

OBJECTIVE 2.2 Access to Care

Palm Beach County will promote and provide services that improve access to affordable health care.

Policy 2.2-a: The Department of Community Services will coordinate with the Health Care District as a collaborative agency to issue temporary eligibility for pharmaceutical and physician services (as defined in the benefits option) for its clients.

Policy 2.2-b: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will provide technical assistance to veterans with regard to enrollment and adjudication of medical benefits.

Policy 2.2-c: The Head Start and Children Services Program will provide health services to enrolled children, including medical, dental, mental health, vision, hearing, and developmental assessment and therapies.

Policy 2.2-d: The County will administer and monitor grant compliance with the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS program (Title I). Contracted health services include medical, dental, mental health, substance abuse, home care and rehabilitation care.

OBJECTIVE 2.3 Transportation

Palm Beach County will support initiatives that expand and improve service to persons who need public transportation. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Transportation Element.

Policy 2.3-a: The Department of Community Services will collect and analyze data from departmental information systems and other qualitative means with regard to transportation needs of clients.

Policy 2.3-b: The Department of Community Services will share data with Palm Tran regarding the needs of clients who are transportation disadvantaged.

OBJECTIVE 2.4 Housing

Palm Beach County will support initiatives that expand the supply of affordable housing and reduce the incidence of substandard housing. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Housing Element.

Policy 2.4-a: The Department of Community Services will collect and analyze data from departmental information systems and other qualitative means with regard to housing needs of clients.

Policy 2.4-b: The Department of Community Services will share data and coordinate with the Department of Housing and Community Development and Division of Code Enforcement in their efforts to plan and fund affordable housing and enforce housing standards.

OBJECTIVE 2.5 Reducing Poverty

Palm Beach County will promote, fund and provide initiatives that reduce the incidence of poverty. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Economic Element.

Policy 2.5-a: The County will advocate services and funding to address self-sufficiency and economic stability. Such efforts may include the provision of local match dollars and allocation of resources.

Policy 2.5-b: The Department of Community Services will collect and analyze data from

departmental information systems and other qualitative means with regard to economic needs of clients.

Policy 2.5-c: The Adult Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program will assist eligible individuals to learn new employment skills. This will be accomplished by providing basic/job skills training, job readiness, high school equivalency preparation, counseling and support.

Policy 2.5-d: The Senior Aid/Senior Employment Program will assist eligible adults 55 years and older obtain employment. This will be accomplished by providing on-the-job training, job interview coaching, resume development, work experience development, and job placement.

Policy 2.5-e: The Department of Community Services will share data with the Office of Economic Development and other organizations who plan and develop economic growth and job training.

Policy 2.5-f: The County will provide local match funds for Title 20 subsidized child care. The purpose of this match to provide economic support to low-income, working parents.

OBJECTIVE 2.6 Reducing Homelessness

Palm Beach County will fund and provide prevention and intervention services that reduce the incidence of homeless individuals and families. Such efforts will be consistent with the goals and objectives delineated in the Housing Element.

Policy 2.6-a: On an annual basis, the Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will participate in the assessment of utilization levels, need, and service gaps, and the delineation of roles and responsibilities among providers who serve homeless individuals and families in Palm Beach County. This assessment will be used to apply for HUD and other funds to serve the homeless, as well as avoid duplication of effort and resources among providers.

Policy 2.6-b: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will assist homeless individuals (emancipated minors and adults over age 18) by providing eviction prevention services, outreach and assessment services, emergency shelter and transitional housing. Eligible individuals may be referred for self-sufficiency services within the Division.

Policy 2.6-c: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will administer the Homeless Hotline, which is the entry point in the continuum of care for all individuals and families served by the Palm Beach County Continuum of Care Collaborative.

Policy 2.6-d: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will utilize the Client Services Network service provider database for client documentation to avoid duplication of administrative processes and transmit pertinent information across the continuum of care.

OBJECTIVE 2.7 Advocacy

Palm Beach County will evaluate and advocate programs and services that enable those affected by reform initiatives to maintain or improve family and economic stability and self-sufficiency.

Policy 2.7-a: The Division of Human Services/Veterans Services will collect data during FY 01/02 from Financially Assisted Agency service providers regarding clients who may be WAGES eligible. The purpose of this project is to retain surplus TANF funds for pre-vocational training and services in Palm Beach County.

GOAL 3: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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(Goal 3 is not proposed for revision in this amendment round, and is omitted for brevity.)

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D. REVISED GOAL 4:

~~GOAL 4: HEALTH CARE SERVICES~~

~~Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall annually provide the delivery of all the statutorily prescribed health services and other services required by the Board of County Commissioners and the respective Florida statutes and related rules, regulations and implementing departments of the State of Florida.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 4.1 Health Care Services~~

~~Palm Beach County, The Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall provide for Health Care Services[4] that include, but are not limited to, the following statutorily prescribe continuum of services that serve the indigent and medically needy individuals of Palm Beach County: preventive services, primary care, community nursing services, ambulatory care, outpatient care, trauma services and rehabilitative and maintenance services.~~

> ~~**Policy 4.1-a:** The Palm Beach County Health Care District shall maintain a county-wide trauma system with two centers for the prevention of deaths from critical injuries consistent with applicable state law and related rules and regulations and the most current local trauma plan.~~
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> ~~**Policy 4.1-b:** The County through the Community Services Department Financially Assisted Agency process shall increase the availability of early detection, prevention and educational services for individuals with developmental disabilities or physical handicaps by encouraging service agencies to coordinate their efforts and broaden their outreach programs.~~
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> ~~**Policy 4.1-c:** Consistent with eligibility guidelines, the County through the Department of Community Services, Division of Senior Services shall assist in the delivery of daily nutritional balanced meals through senior centers, congregate meal sites, home delivery services and the National School Lunch Program.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 4.2 Organizational Support Services~~

~~Palm Beach County, The Palm Beach County Health Care District and the Palm Beach County Health Department shall provide organizational Support Services which are those activities or mechanisms that facilitate the provision of health care services such as ancillary services (e.g. individual/family counseling and transportation programs, case management and administrative support) and systems development activities (e.g. planning, resource allocation, regulation & quality assurance, financing and evaluation/measurement of progress).~~

> ~~**Policy 4.2-a:** The Palm Beach County Health Care District consistent with the Palm Beach County Health Care Act, Chapter 87-450 as amended by 88-460, 92-340, 93-382 and CS/HB2005 (first engrossed) laws of Florida shall be responsible for providing a source of funding and provide for comprehensive planning and coordination for Health Care Services for the indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County.~~
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> ~~**Policy 4.2-b:** The Palm Beach County Department of Public Safety in conjunction with the Emergency Medical Services Council shall be responsible for maintaining and routine updates of the fifteen element Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services Plan.~~
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> ~~**Policy 4.2-c:** The Palm Beach County Department of Community Services, Division of Human Services/Veteran Services, the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) in conjunction with the PBC Department of Public Affairs, will encourage the State of Florida to consider placing a state veterans nursing home at the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach to increase the availability of skilled nursing beds for veterans.~~

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[4] ~~The primary focus of Health Care Services is on Physical Health Care and not Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services which are addressed in a separate Objective.~~

GOAL 4: SYSTEMS OF CARE

Palm Beach County shall assure[5] the integrity[6] of public health, behavioral health and human service systems of care[7], within the scope of its authority and responsibility. Such assurance requires *collaboration* with other organizations who plan, provide and/or fund these services.

Palm Beach County will focus on sustaining core services within the systems of care by: defining basic needs; surveying emergent/urgent needs; prioritizing resources to address the needs; and, directing benefits to the affected public.

OBJECTIVE 4.1 Collaboration for System Development

Palm Beach County will collaborate with other bodies who oversee health and human services for system development.

Policy 4.1-a: The County, through its CAC/HHS and in collaboration with other entities, will identify the system(s) of care for a local public health system, behavioral health and human services.

Policy 4.1-b: The County, through its CAC/HHS and in collaboration with other entities, will delineate the core services within the identified systems of care.

Policy 4.1-c: The County, through its CAC/HHS and in collaboration with other entities will assess the gaps in the systems relative to the core services.

OBJECTIVE 4.2 Localize Service Delivery

Palm Beach County will localize health and human services, and take action to affect service delivery.

Policy 4.2-a: The County will develop an action plan that specifies resources, capability and capacity to fill the core service gaps and/or emergent needs, appropriate to the County's responsibilities and authority.

Policy 4.2-b: Allocation of County funds will take into consideration core services gaps.

OBJECTIVE 4.3 Sustain Systems of Care

Palm Beach County will advocate for services and funding that sustain the systems of care.

Policy 4.3-a: The CAC/HHS will advise the BCC on an annual basis regarding system of care issues based on the assessment of gaps in core services.

Policy 4.3-b: The County will identify federal, state and other funds to address gaps in core services and seek to maximize the utilization of such funds.

E. DELETED GOALS 5, 6, AND 7:

~~**GOAL 5: SERVICE DELIVERY**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall maintain and coordinate an effective and efficient health and human services delivery system that promotes good health and quality human services for all citizens; promotes individual responsibility for good health; assures access to affordable, quality health care; and is consistent with county guidelines and performance characteristics, criteria and standards.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 5.1 Service Delivery System**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall maintain and coordinate and effective and efficient health and human~~

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[5] "Assure" is defined as to make certain the attainment of.

[6] "Integrity" is defined as free from flaw or defect, adherence to code of values, and completeness.

[7] "System of care" is defined as services and support organized to work together to provide care to meet an individual(s) need(s).

~~services service delivery system that meets requirements concerning how well are our Health and Human Services Delivery system is working based on performance characteristics[8], cost-benefit and effectiveness analysis, and the degree of impact the delivery system is having on the health and quality of life problems that it was designed to resolve and/or control.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-a:** The Palm Beach County Department of Community Services through the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services shall continue to maintain and further develop guiding principles for the Health and Human Services Element inclusive of performance measures, criteria and standards for the evaluating and determining of the effectiveness and efficiency of our Health and Human Service delivery system(s).~~

~~**Policy 5.1-b:** The County Department of Community Services through the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services shall investigate methods to require new development to share in paying for the impact of growth, the cost of new or expanded County facilities and/or new or expanded programs. Community-based health, rehabilitative, mental health, alcohol and drug abuse and human services facilities and programs shall be developed concurrently with County growth and development.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-c:** The University of Florida, PBC Cooperative Extension Service and Family and Consumer Services, in coordination with other like University and County based programs, will provide (subject to necessity and resource availability) technical assistance through the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services in support of the development and implementation of the Health and Human Services Element, e.g., family budgeting and financial planning, nutrition and food safety and economical/affordable design and renovation of housing.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-d:** Palm Beach County through the PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) in coordination with the West Palm Beach Veterans Medical Center shall support an effective and efficient health and human service system to provide for the special health and social needs of the county's veteran population.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-e:** Palm Beach County through and/or coordinated by the Department of Community Services Division of Human Services/Veteran Services, the Financially Assisted Agency process, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) should continue current efforts to involve representatives of the VA Medical Center in planning programs for homeless veterans.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-f:** The West Palm Beach VA Medical Center will continue to work with the Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services, the Palm Beach County Health Department and other appropriate local health and human services organizations to provide for the special needs of veteran patients with AIDS and with mutual AIDS research efforts.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-g:** Palm Beach County through the Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services (CAC/HHS) will work with the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center in the design and implementation of a system (network) of veterans services which will deliver services to veterans with a higher level of continuity[9].~~

~~**Policy 5.1-h:** The Center for Information and Crisis Services shall serve as the central agency to handle all information and referral services for County Agencies.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-i:** The County shall coordinate its funding and strategic planning with all appropriate funders concerning the following Health and Human Services/system(s) as identified by the Children's Services Council: (1) emergency assistance to achieve economic stability; (2) self sufficiency and independence; (3) mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services; and, (4) abuse and neglect and~~

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[8] ~~Performance characteristics are defined as consisting of the following categories of evaluation: acceptability, accessibility, availability, continuity, cost and quality.~~

[9] ~~Continuity is defined as the extent of effective coordination of services provided to individuals and the community overtime, within and among health and human services and settings, e.g., percent (%) of institutions and/or programs with written patient/client transfer agreements with other institutions/programs (by selected service and settings).~~

~~domestic violence.~~

~~**Policy 5.1-j:** The Department of Community Services, in conjunction with appropriate agencies, shall continue to develop and implement programs that encourage public/private partnerships for the purpose of creating community-based programs for special needs populations including, but not limited to, seniors, children, and migrant and seasonal farm workers. Accomplishment of this policy is contingent upon budget availability if additional resources are required.~~

~~GOAL 6: HOMELESS SERVICES~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to a continuum of care system for homeless individuals and families, including veterans, that enables them to move to permanent living facilities and self-sufficiency to the best extent possible. The continuum shall include outreach and assessment, emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing/permanent supportive housing, as well as a strong homeless prevention strategy. All services shall be provided through a coordinated community process that eliminates redundancy in funding and service provision and is facilitated with Case Management.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 6.1 Outreach and Assessment Services~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to outreach and assessment services that provide access for homeless individuals and families, including veterans, to the continuum of care system. These services include, but are not limited to provision of Outreach to locate the homeless individual or family, intake to obtain information sufficient to determine service needs, health screening for detection of communicable diseases or acute medical problems, substance abuse screening, transportation to shelter, and Case Management.~~

~~**Policy 6.1-a:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its service providers, and the Hungry and Homeless Network to assure that homeless individuals and families receive Outreach and Assessment in order to become aware of existing services in the continuum of care system.~~

~~**Policy 6.1-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, Palm Beach County Health Department and the Palm Beach County Health Care District to ensure that all homeless individuals and families who wish to move into emergency shelter have a health screening, to include screening for communicable diseases, screening for substance abuse, and assurance of all immunizations indicated or required are received and/or administered.~~

~~**Policy 6.1-c:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Palm Tran to provide bus passes for homeless individuals and families necessary to access needed services.~~

~~**Policy 6.1-d:** The School District of Palm Beach County shall work with federal grant dollars to ensure that homeless children of school age are identified, enrolled in school, and have access to services that provide tutorial services; food and clothing; and immunization.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 6.2 Emergency Shelter Services~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to the provision of adequate emergency shelter services for a time-limited period (Housing & Urban Development definition of emergency shelter = 30 days or less) for homeless individuals and families, including veterans. Emergency shelter, services include, but are not limited to the provision of bed, food, further intake and assessment of social, educational, and vocational assets and barriers, transportation, referral to community service providers, as indicated, and Case Management.~~

~~**Policy 6.2-a:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its Service Providers, and the Hungry and Homeless Network to maximize efficient and effective use of existing emergency~~

~~shelter beds to serve homeless individuals and families.~~

~~**Policy 6.2-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Palm Beach County Health Department, State of Florida Department of Children and Families and the Palm Beach County Health Care District to assure that on-going treatment needs identified at the initial health screening are addressed for the homeless individuals and families.~~

~~**Policy 6.2-c:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Community Partners to provide social, educational, and vocational assessments, referrals to community service providers, and coordination of Case Management to avoid duplication or service redundancy in serving homeless individuals and families.~~

~~**Policy 6.2-d:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Palm Tran to provide bus passes for homeless individuals and families necessary to access needed services.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 6.3 Transitional Housing Services**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to Transitional Housing Services for the provision of housing to homeless individuals and families, including veterans. These services include, but are not limited to provision of housing, Support Services such as treatment, counseling, personal and vocational adjustment training, independent living skills training, budgeting and personal finance, parenting classes, credit repair, educational and vocational skills training, job placement, and Case Management.~~

~~**Policy 6.3-a:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition and its Service Providers to support the transitional housing component of the continuum of care for homeless individuals and families moving from emergency shelter.~~

~~**Policy 6.3-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Community Partners to assure access and referral to community-based Support Services necessary to augment successful participation in transitional housing.~~

~~**Policy 6.3-c:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide transitional housing to homeless individuals and families who are served through programs specifically funded by grant funded programs, the Board of County Commissioners consistent with the approved operating budget.~~

~~**Policy 6.3-d:** Palm Beach County through and/or coordinated by the Department of Community Services Division of Human Services/Veteran Services, the Financially Assisted Agency process and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC/HHS) will increase its efforts to establish halfway houses and boarding homes which meet VA certification~~ requirements ~~(38 CFR Ch 1 (9-1-95) edition) to house and provide a structural environment for participants in the VA outpatient substance abuse program and the mental health day treatment program.~~

~~**OBJECTIVE 6.4 Permanent Housing/Permanent Supportive Housing Services**~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to Permanent Housing/Permanent Supportive Housing Services to provide for long-term housing options to homeless individuals and families, including veterans. These services include, but are not limited to provision of home ownership workshops provided by the Home Financing Consortium, referral to the Commission on Affordable Housing for first time home buyers assistance, as well as other home ownership programs operated through the Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Community Development and the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, Habitat for Humanity, and Case Management.~~

~~**Policy 6.4-a:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its Service Providers, and available community agencies that promote home ownership in order to refer homeless individuals and families appropriately, upon successful completion of transitional housing services.~~

~~**Policy 6.4-b:** The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its Service Providers, and community~~

~~housing resources that offer permanent supportive housing options to refer homeless individuals and families who may be unable to participate in home ownership programs, but may benefit from permanent supportive housing options.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 6.5 Homeless Prevention Strategy~~

~~Palm Beach County shall promote and otherwise support and contribute to a strong homeless prevention strategy which will provide for an array of coordinated health and human services that prevent individuals and families, including veterans, from becoming homeless. These services include, but are not limited to provision of emergency services to pay delinquent rent and utility bills, provision of emergency food vouchers, provision of transportation services to assure access to services, referral to community service providers for credit repair, budgeting and personal finance classes, parenting classes, counseling and treatment programs, educational and vocational training and employment, and Case Management.~~

~~Policy 6.5-a:~~ ~~The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with the Homeless Coalition, its service providers, and the Hungry and Homeless Network to assure that health and human services focusing on prevention are coordinated to maximize existing human and fiscal resources.~~

~~Policy 6.5-b:~~ ~~The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall work in concert with Service Providers and funders to assure that homeless prevention services are provided in support of specified outcome measures and an unduplicated count of individuals and families served.~~

~~Policy 6.5-c:~~ ~~The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services shall directly provide prevention services to individuals and families, eligible according to grant funds requirements or eligibility as established by the Board of County Commissioners and consistent with the approved operating budget.~~

~~Policy 6.5-d:~~ ~~The Palm Beach County Division of Human Services/Veteran Services will work in concert with the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Labor, the Workforce Development Board and other community partners to ensure that homeless individuals and families are referred for those community services which will provide both immediate and on-going financial assistance as well as lead towards economic self sufficiency.~~

~~GOAL 7: ABUSE AND NEGLECT~~

~~Palm Beach County shall be supportive of increasing the availability[10] and/or development of public awareness programs and human services that are designed to reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and children in Palm Beach County.~~

~~OBJECTIVE 7.1 Abuse and Neglect~~

~~Palm Beach County shall be supportive of increasing the availability and/or development of public awareness programs and human services to reduce the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly and children. This reduction will be accomplished by, but not limited to the following: Financially Assisted Agency Program funding, strategic planning, inter-agency coordination, advocacy/education programs and, the joint delineation of specific rules and policies for community organizations that by necessity or legislative mandate have responsibilities for assisting, resolving and/or managing the problem of abuse and neglect.~~

~~Policy 7.1-a:~~ ~~The County through the Department of Community Services Financially Assisted Agency process, shall assist in increasing the funding to organizations that provide outpatient counseling to abuse victims and perpetrators, coordinated with those offered by state programs.~~

~~Policy 7.1-b:~~ ~~The County shall through the Department of Community Services Financially Assisted Agency process and/or other departmental planning staff conduct research and develop strategic plans to increase funding to organizations that provide~~

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[10] ~~Availability is the extent to which health and human services are present in a specific geographic area. The mere presence or absence of a given service is the simplest measure of its availability. A better measure of availability is whether or not a particular service is present in the appropriate quantity. The extent to which health and human service resources (manpower, facilities, equipment and financial) are present in an area is often used as a proxy measure of availability.~~

~~shelter and other supportive services, such as foster homes and temporary and transitional shelters to abuse victims.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-c:** The PBC Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services supports the inclusion of educational curriculum components that focus on the skills, responsibilities and expectations involved in parenting.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-d:** The County through The Department of Community Services Financially Assisted Agency process shall assist in supporting programs to educate service providers, public officials, families, professionals and the public to recognize and report abuse, neglect and exploitation.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-e:** The County through the Department of Community Services Financially Assisted Agency process shall promote the development of residential and outpatient services for elderly abuse and neglect victims.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-f:** The County, through the Department of Community Services Division of Senior Services, shall coordinate efforts with the State Abuse Registry and the State Attorney to maintain data on abuse and neglect.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-g:** The Children's Services Council and the Florida Department of Children and Families shall identify the needs, gaps in service, and other issues (e.g. Human & Mental Health & Substance Abuse Issues) affecting the rate of abuse and neglect for children and families for future technical changes and amendments to this and related sections of the Element.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-h:** The Children's Services Council, the Palm Beach County School District and the Department of Children and Families shall increase the awareness of the signs of abuse and how to respond to observations of abuse by school district personnel, mental health and social service agency personnel, and the general public.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-i:** The County, the Palm Beach County School District, the Department of Children and Families, and the Children's Services Council shall increase the availability of child care and respite care for children who are at risk of abuse by working with community organizations.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-j:** The Children's Service Council, Palm Beach County School District and the Department of Children And Families shall develop a coordinated approach for parent education and involvement and increase the a availability and accessibility of appropriate parent training opportunities, conflict resolution training and mediation services.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-k:** The Healthy Start Coalition, the Palm Beach County Health Care District, the Palm Beach County Health Department, The Department of Children and Families and the Children's Services Council shall facilitate and develop a home visitation program as defined in the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services Guiding Principles publication for all newborns and their parents.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-l:** The County, the Palm Beach County School District, and the Children's Services Council shall increase the availability and accessibility of elementary and middle school after school programs and work with the municipalities, community organizations, and parent groups wherever possible.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-m:** The Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health/Children's Medical Services, the County and the Children's Services Council shall develop a centralized intake and service delivery model to ensure the funding follows the child and the services are efficient and family centered.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-n:** The County and the Department of Children and Families shall increase the availability and accessibility of outpatient counseling for children and families experiencing abuse by working with the community to develop a comprehensive continuum of care~~.

~~**Policy 7.1-o:** The Department of Children and Families, the County, the Palm Beach County School District and the Children's Services Council shall develop a coordinated system of school based, neighborhood based and child care center based services for children and families.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-p:** The County and the Department of Children and Families shall develop a community-based continuum of out-of-home placements for children including shelter, foster home, therapeutic foster home, group home and residential care.~~

~~**Policy 7.1-q:** The County and the Department of Children & Families, in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging will explore the possibility of and advocate for a financially expanded continuum of services for the elderly and disabled.~~

F. REVISED IMPLEMENTATION SECTION:

III. IMPLEMENTATION

~~The County through the Department of Community Services shall actively coordinate with all governmental entities, private and public agencies and municipalities to ensure that the delivery and provision of health and human service needs are provided in the most appropriate and acceptable manner because health and human service needs are not limited to the unincorporated areas of the County.~~

~~The County shall increase its effectiveness and efficiency in health and human services by coordinating with agencies such as, but not limited to the: Palm Beach County Health Care District, Palm Beach County Health Department, Florida Department of Children and Families, Health & Human Service Planning Association, Children's Services Council, Private Industry Council, United Way, private and public hospitals, VA Medical Center and Criminal Justice Commission.~~

~~Implementation of the Health and Human Services Element is the responsibility of the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services. Implementation will be consistent with directives from the Board of County Commissioners, through the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services as amended.~~

~~**Policy IMP1.1-a:** The Board of County Commissioners shall meet annually in workshop session with the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services to: review the Health & Human Services Element, determine progress toward achieving measurements outlined in the Guiding Principles Publication developed by the Committee; and, provide overall Policy direction to County Administration and the Citizens Advisory Committee.~~

Implementation of the Health and Human Services Element is the responsibility of the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services. Implementation will be consistent with the directives from the Board of County Commissioners and County Administration, which will include consideration of recommendations from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services.

Evaluate Health and Human Service Progress
(Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services)

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services shall report progress and implementation of the Health and Human Services Element to the Board of County Commissioners on an annual basis.

Evaluate Health and Human Service Progress
(Department of Community Services)

The Department of Community Services shall report progress and implementation of the Health and Human Services element to the Department of Planning, Zoning and Building or other applicable parties as required by the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan.

IV. REFERENCES

A. Plan Cross-References:

Cross-references have been indicated after several Goals, Objectives and Policies in the form of footnotes.

~~The "Palm Beach County Citizens Advisory Committee on Health & Human Services Guiding Principles Report" is noted as a cross-reference to the Health & Human Services Element.~~

C. **Library Services Element,** Library Services Revisions

REVISIONS: To delete existing and future conditions which will be added to the support documents. The revisions are numbered below, and shown with the deleted text ~~struck out~~.

DELETED ~~III. EXISTING CONDITIONS~~

~~**A. Description of the Library Taxing District**~~

~~The Palm Beach County Library Taxing District was established by the passage of a Special Act of the Legislature in 1967. This Act allowed the Board of County Commissioners to establish a Library System and a dependent taxing district to support it. The taxing district was to be made up of all areas of Palm Beach County "not taxed by a municipality for library services." Thus the district consists of all the unincorporated areas of the County and of those cities that choose not to tax themselves for library purposes.~~

~~Also provided for in the Special Act is a Library Advisory Board made up of 15 members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Advisory Board's duty is to evaluate library service and advise the County Commissioners and the library staff on matters related to the library. Board members are also charged with recommending to the Board of County Commissioners a candidate for the position of Library Director.~~

~~Currently, the Library Taxing District is made up of the unincorporated area, plus 24 of the 38 municipalities in Palm Beach County.~~

~~**CITIES IN THE LIBRARY TAXING DISTRICT**~~

~~Atlantis~~	~~Haverhill~~	~~Pahokee~~
~~Belle Glade~~	~~Hypoluxo~~	~~Palm Beach Gardens~~
~~Briny Breezes~~	~~Juno Beach~~	~~Palm Beach Shores~~
~~Cloud Lake~~	~~Jupiter~~	~~Royal Palm Beach~~
~~Glen Ridge~~	~~Jupiter Inlet Colony~~	~~South Bay~~
~~Golf Village~~	~~Lake Clarke Shores~~	~~South Palm Beach~~
~~Golfview~~	~~Mangonia Park~~	~~Tequesta~~
~~Greenacres~~	~~Ocean Ridge~~	~~Wellington~~

~~In addition to the Library Taxing District, there is The Library Cooperative of the Palm Beaches. This Cooperative is based on contractual relations between the cities who are members (Boynton Beach, Lake Park, and West Palm Beach) and the county. The basis of this agreement is that all members of the cooperative will provide service to citizens of all other members on the same basis as they provide service of their own citizens.~~
~~The Library is funded by ad valorem taxes approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and by other revenue sources. These funds form the base of facilities, staff and materials that supports Library Service.~~

~~B. Library Facilities~~

~~The Library provides service through fifteen facilities located throughout the Library Taxing District.~~

~~FIGURE 1~~
~~COUNTY LIBRARY FACILITIES~~

~~LIBRARY~~	~~STREET~~	~~CITY~~
~~Belle Glade Branch~~	~~530 S. Main Street~~	~~Belle Glade~~
~~Central Library~~	~~3650 Summit Boulevard~~	~~West Palm Beach~~
~~Clarence E. Anthony Branch~~	~~375 SW 2nd Avenue~~	~~South Bay~~
~~Greenacres Branch~~	~~3750 Jog Road~~	~~Greenacres City~~
~~Jupiter Branch~~	~~705 N. Military Trail~~	~~Jupiter~~
~~Library Annex~~	~~7950 Central Industrial Drive~~	~~Riviera Beach~~
~~Loula V. York Branch~~	~~525 Bacom Point Road~~	~~Pahokee~~
~~North County Regional~~	~~11303 Campus Drive~~	~~Palm Beach Gardens~~
~~Okeechobee Blvd. Branch~~	~~5689 Okeechobee Blvd.~~	~~West Palm Beach~~
~~Royal Palm Beach~~	~~500 Civic Center Way~~	~~Royal Palm Beach~~
~~Southwest County Regional~~	~~20701 95th Avenue South~~	~~Boca Raton~~
~~Tequesta Branch~~	~~461 Old Dixie Highway North~~	~~Tequesta~~
~~Wellington Branch~~	~~1951 Royal Fern Drive~~	~~Wellington~~
~~West Atlantic Ave. Branch~~	~~7777 W. Atlantic Ave.~~	~~Delray Beach~~
~~West Boynton Branch~~	~~9451 Jog Road~~	~~Boynton Beach~~

~~The approach used to insure quality library service throughout the Library Taxing District is one that provides three Levels of Service.~~

~~The first tier is the Neighborhood Branch Libraries, which provides general library service to the people in the immediate vicinity. The second tier is the Regional Branch, which provides neighborhood service to people in the immediate area. It also provides many of the information, research and group program services usually associated with a central Library to people from the surrounding parts of the County. The third tier is the Central Library, which provides both neighborhood and regional services. This library is also the final resource for all of the smaller facilities in the Library Taxing District.~~

~~As of October 1997, there are fifteen facilities in the Library Taxing District. The Belle Glade Branch is leased from the City of Belle Glade for $1.00 a year for thirty years. The Library Annex is also located in leased facilities at present. The Tequesta Branch, which was built by interlocal agreement with the Village of Tequesta, is leased to Palm Beach County for fifty years. The 8,000 square foot Wellington Branch brings the total number of Library facilities to fifteen. With this facility, the first phase of the Library Expansion Program is complete, with a total square footage of 220,580, thereby surpassing the goal of 218,200 square feet. The additional square footage, combined with the adjusted 1995 population estimate of 612,379, (adjusted downward from 665,968), represents 0.36 square feet of library facilities per capita, compared to the goal of 0.30.~~

~~While this is a marked improvement over the 0.22 level of 1989, the Taxing District remains far from the nationally accepted Wheeler/Goldhor level of 0.60 square feet of library facilities per capita. This shortfall was anticipated when a proposed five year half mill special levy was reduced to two years. The first phase of the Library Expansion Program met an immediate goal, but is not adequate for current and projected needs. Some facilities constructed in the first phase of the Library Expansion Program are already experiencing service demands which are beyond their ability to meet.~~

~~A second phase of the Library Expansion Program could bring the District up to the 0.60 level and enable the Library System to meet the continued growth in the Taxing District.~~

~~C. Library Services~~

~~Service is also provided by a bookmobile, which visits twenty-five locations on a weekly or biweekly basis, including nursing homes, housing projects, and communities which are distant from a branch. This service is augmented by Books-by-Mail and Talking Books. The Books-by-Mail Program provides books through the mail to those who are homebound, disabled, or who lack transportation to the bookmobile or to a branch library. The Talking Books Program circulates books recorded on cassette and disc to residents who are unable to use regular print materials due to a visual or physical disability. The Library also operates the Adult Literacy Project which provides basic literacy instruction for English-speaking adults who read below the fifth grade level. Volunteers are recruited and trained as one-to-one reading tutors.~~

~~In 1993, with considerable staff input and Advisory Board endorsement, the Mission Statement was rewritten to emphasize the four major programs of service offered by the Library:~~

- ~~Circulation~~
- ~~Reference~~
- ~~Children's Programming~~
- ~~Community Enrichment~~

~~Subsequently, the Library was involved in two planning projects which reinforced the focus toward these major programs of service. The first planning effort involved development of a long-range Plan -- required for the Library to qualify for the State Aid to Libraries Program. The other effort, initiated by County Administration and the Office of Financial Management and Budget, placed the Library in the lead role of designing a performance-based budget that would link customer service with the processes of strategic planning, budgeting, and performance reporting. As a result of these efforts, the Library has developed a new planning methodology, which is based on the revised Mission Statement. The goal is to align the Library's long-range Plan, performance measures, budget document, and the Library Services Element of the Comprehensive Plan.~~

~~TABLE 1~~
~~LIBRARY RESOURCES (1995)~~

~~Resource~~	~~Amount~~
~~Volumes - permanent book collection~~	~~806,355~~
~~Volumes - leased and popular material~~	~~54,181~~
~~Subscriptions to magazines~~	~~2,068~~
~~Titles of subscriptions currently held~~	~~608~~
~~16 mm films~~	~~881~~
~~Video cassettes~~	~~9,890~~
~~Audio cassettes~~	~~3,853~~
~~Compact disks~~	~~2,228~~
~~On-line electronic databases~~	~~5~~
~~CD-ROM databases~~	~~16~~

~~The library staff consists of 288 (275.75 FTE) permanent employees and 57 (28.50 FTE) student part-time workers. The permanent staff is made up of 70 (69 FTE) professional librarians and 218 (206.75 FTE) support staff. This staffing level allows the various library facilities to be open 693 public service hours a week (combined total of all branches).~~

~~TABLE 2~~
~~UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED (1995)~~

~~Service Provided~~	~~Amount~~
~~Visits~~	~~not available~~
~~Items circulated~~	~~3,700,000~~
~~Information/Questions answered~~	~~2,000,000~~
~~Children attending programs~~	~~113,800~~

~~D. Analysis~~

~~The usual measurement of material availability is holdings per capita. This gives the library a way to compare libraries of different size with some accuracy. The measures used in this analysis are:~~

- ~~Holdings per capita;~~
- ~~Subscriptions to magazines per capita; and~~
- ~~Dollar expenditure for new technology materials per capita.~~

~~The indicator of the adequacy of the library collection is holdings per capita. In determining the amount of library materials necessary to serve the population of the Library Taxing District, it is necessary to consider the recommended amounts given in the American Library Association and Florida Standards.~~

~~The substantial shortages in library material experienced by the Palm Beach County Library System are partly due to the short history of the Library and to the rapid growth experienced by the County. The Library System opened in 1968, and the Library Taxing District has grown from 119,506 in 1970 to an estimated 489,439 in 1988, to 612,379 in 1995. This represents a 25% increase in Library Taxing district population between 1988 and 1995.~~

DELETED ~~IV. FUTURE CONDITIONS~~

~~As a result of the county's rapid growth, a substantial increase in the library budget has only generated an increase of about 0.7 to 0.8 books per capita during that period.~~

~~The following chart shows the population projections for the Library Taxing District for each of the Planning time frames and build out.~~

~~TABLE 3~~
~~LIBRARY TAXING DISTRICT POPULATION PROJECTIONS~~

~~Year~~	~~Population~~
~~1995~~	~~612,379~~
~~2010~~	~~843,682~~
~~Build out (2016)~~	~~936,106~~

~~SOURCE: Palm Beach County Library Department, 1996~~

~~Facility expansions have been and continue to be addressed through the Library Expansion Program. The first phase of the program was approved in 1986. A two year ad valorem tax of ½ mil was collected providing an estimated $20 million for Library capital expenditures.~~

~~With the initial phase of the library expansion complete, the Library has not only met the goals set in 1988, but exceeded them by including an additional municipality in the Library Taxing District and constructing two new facilities not previously planned. When Pahokee joined the Taxing District in 1989, ownership of its 4,500 square foot library was transferred to the County. Further, a 1,500 square foot leased storefront branch planned for South Bay was replaced with a new 4,000 square foot free-standing facility owned by the County. This was made possible through a donation of land from the City, and ad valorem taxes supplemented with a $100,000 state grant to aid in construction. In addition, a new 8,000 square foot branch was built in Royal Palm Beach to replace the leased facility. This was accomplished with a donation of land from the Village, and by converting site acquisition funds to construction funds. Plans for an 8,000 square foot addition to the West Atlantic Avenue Branch were modified to a 5,000 square foot adjacent building when the cost of the original design exceeded the budget allocation.~~

~~With completion of the Library Expansion Program, the system encompasses 220,580 square feet of library facilities.~~

~~A second phase of expansion is being projected to alleviate the short fall between existing space and future needs. The post Library Expansion Program or Phase II projects are: a new Central Library of 140,000 square feet, plus a support center of 30,000 square feet. In addition, new or expanded branch facilities are proposed, in the following table.~~

~~TABLE 4~~
~~LIBRARY EXPANSION PROGRAMS I AND II~~
~~(In square feet)~~

~~Branches~~	~~Facility Space in 1988~~	~~After Phase I Library Expansion~~	~~After Phase II Library Expansion~~
~~Belle Glade~~	~~9,100~~	~~9,100~~	~~9,100~~
~~Central (New)~~	~~—~~	~~—~~	~~140,000~~
~~Central (Summit)~~	~~36,480~~	~~46,480~~	~~46,480~~
~~Greenacres~~	~~5,494~~	~~17,000~~	~~17,000~~
~~Jupiter~~	~~1,950~~	~~10,000~~	~~20,000~~
~~Lantana West~~	~~—~~	~~—~~	~~30,000~~
~~Tequesta~~	~~1,691~~	~~4,000~~	~~4,000~~
~~Okeechobee Blvd.~~	~~4,460~~	~~17,000~~	~~17,000~~
~~Library Annex~~	~~20,000~~	~~20,000~~	~~30,000~~
~~North County Regional~~	~~6,150~~	~~24,000~~	~~40,000~~
~~Pahokee~~		~~4,500~~	~~4,500~~
~~South Bay~~	~~—~~	~~4,000~~	~~4,000~~
~~Southwest County Regional~~	~~4,975~~	~~24,000~~	~~40,000~~
~~Wellington~~	~~—~~	~~8,000~~	~~16,000~~
~~West Atlantic~~	~~11,500~~	~~16,500~~	~~16,500~~
~~West Boca~~	~~—~~	~~—~~	~~12,000~~
~~West Boynton~~	~~—~~	~~8,000~~	~~16,000~~
~~Royal Palm Beach~~	~~9,620~~	~~8,000~~	~~16,000~~
~~West Jupiter~~	~~—~~	~~—~~	~~10,000~~
~~West Palm Beach Gardens~~	~~—~~	~~—~~	~~10,000~~
~~Unallocated Space~~	~~—~~	~~—~~	~~25,000~~
~~**Total**~~	~~**111,420**~~	~~**220,580**~~	~~**523,580**~~
~~**Square Feet Per Capita**~~	~~**0.22**~~	~~**0.36**~~	~~**0.60**~~

~~SOURCE: Department of Libraries, 1996~~

~~The facilities, staff and materials described represent Library standards which are considered adequate to meet the current and projected needs of the community.~~

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I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original filed in my office on August 27, 2001.
DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 9/20/01.
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk
By: Diane Brown D.C.